

(c) The term “function” includes any duty, obligation, right, power, authority, responsibility, privilege, discretion, activity, and program.

(d) The term “health care” includes all appropriate examinations, preventive, curative and restorative health and medical care, and supplementary services when necessary.

(e) For the purposes of this chapter or any other Act, the period of any individual’s service as a volunteer under this chapter shall include—

(i) except for the purposes of section 2504(f) of this title, any period of training under section 2507(a) of this title prior to enrollment as a volunteer under this chapter; and

(ii) the period between enrollment as a volunteer and the termination of service as such volunteer by the President or by death or resignation.

(f) The term “United States Government agency” includes any department, board, wholly or partly owned corporation, or instrumentality, commission, or establishment of the United States Government.

(g) The word “transportation” in sections 2504(b), 2504(m), and 2505(2) of this title includes transportation of not to exceed three hundred pounds per person of unaccompanied necessary personal and household effects.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 26, formerly § 25, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624; Pub. L. 89–572, § 4, Sept. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 91–352, § 8, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 465; renumbered § 26, Pub. L. 99–83, title XI, § 1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (e), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87–293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 26 of Pub. L. 87–293 was renumbered section 27 and is classified to section 2523 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

1970—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 91–352 inserted reference to section 2504(m) of this title.

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89–572 struck out territories from definition of “United States”.

### § 2523. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application of any provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this chapter and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 87–293, title I, § 27, formerly § 26, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 625; renumbered § 27, Pub. L. 99–83, title XI, § 1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

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#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 27 of Pub. L. 87–293 was renumbered section 28 and is set out as an Effective Date note under section 2501 of this title.

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#### SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### § 2551. Congressional statement of purpose

An ultimate goal of the United States is a world which is free from the scourge of war and the dangers and burdens of armaments; in which the use of force has been subordinated to the rule of law; and in which international adjustments to a changing world are achieved peacefully. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide impetus toward this goal by addressing the problem of reduction and control of armaments looking toward ultimate world disarmament.

The Secretary of State must have the capacity to provide the essential scientific, economic, political, military, psychological, and technological information upon which realistic arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy must be based. The Secretary shall have the authority, under the direction of the President, to carry out the following primary functions:

- (1) The preparation for and management of United States participation in international negotiations and implementation fora in the arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament field.
- (2) The conduct, support, and coordination of research for arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy formulation.
- (3) The preparation for, operation of, or direction of, United States participation in such control systems as may become part of United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament activities.

- (4) The dissemination and coordination of public information concerning arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title I, §102, formerly §2, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 631; Pub. L. 94-141, title I, §144, Nov. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 758; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §§703, 719(a), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 491, 501; renumbered §102 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(1), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-768, 2681-772.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(1)(A), in first undesignated par., substituted “addressing” for “creating a new agency of peace to deal with”.

Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(1)(B), struck out second undesignated par. which read as follows: “Arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy, being an important aspect of foreign policy, must be consistent with national security policy as a whole. The formulation and implementation of United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy in a manner which will promote the national security can best be insured by a central organization charged by statute with primary responsibility for this field. This organization must have such a position within the Government that it can provide the President, the Secretary of State, other officials of the executive branch, and the Congress with recommendations concerning United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy, and can assess the effect of these recommendations upon our foreign policies, our national security policies, and our economy.”

Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(1)(C), in last undesignated par., in introductory provisions, substituted “The Secretary of State” for “This organization”, substituted “The Secretary shall have” for “It shall have”, and struck out “and the Secretary of State” after “the President”, in subpar. (1) inserted “, nonproliferation,” after “arms control”, redesignated subpar. (3) as (2) and struck out former subpar. (2) which read as follows: “When directed by the President, the preparation for, and management of, United States participation in international negotiations and implementation fora in the nonproliferation field.”, redesignated subpar. (4) as (3) and struck out “, as appropriate,” before “direction of”, and redesignated subpar. (5) as (4).

1994—Pub. L. 103-236, §719(a), inserted “, nonproliferation,” after “Arms control” in second undesignated par. and after “arms control” wherever appearing in second and third undesignated pars.

Pub. L. 103-236, §703, substituted subpars. (1) to (5) for former subpars. (a) to (d) which read as follows:

“(a) The conduct, support, and coordination of research for arms control and disarmament policy formulation;

“(b) The preparation for and management of United States participation in international negotiations in the arms control and disarmament field;

“(c) The dissemination and coordination of public information concerning arms control and disarmament; and

“(d) The preparation for, operation of, or as appropriate, direction of United States participation in such control systems as may become part of United States arms control and disarmament activities.”

1975—Pub. L. 94-141 substituted “It shall have the authority, under the direction of the President and the Secretary of State,” for “It must be able”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

#### SHORT TITLE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, §1000(a)(7) [div. B, title XI, §1101], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-485, provided